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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 19-34 with the following paragraph:

Two ears 107 extend upwardly from the rotor 104 and support a pivot pin 108 on which is mounted a telescopic arm 109. The telescopic arm 109 comprises a first box section 110 and a second box section 111 which is slidably mounted in the first box section 110. A head 112 is mounted on the end of the second box section 111 and can be opened to allow the entry of a tubular into opening 113. The head 112 comprises two arms 114, 115 each of which is provided with two centering devices